

This Sunday (5th Jan) Readings

1st Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm –71

2nd Reading – Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12

Intentions

6pm Alfred Connell RIP

9am The People of the Parish

11am Pasqualina Scalera RIP

3pm: Epiphany Carol Service

Hymns for 11am Mass: 55, 608, 585, 692, 788

Entrance Antiphon: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion

Psalm response: All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship the Lord. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Mon 10am Feria of Christmas

Tue 10am Feria of Christmas

Wed 10am Feria of Christmas

Eucharistic Adoration 2pm – 10pm

Thu 10am Feria of Christmas

Fri 8pm Feria of Christmas

Kevin & Maureen Duffy RIP

Private Intention

Charles Bogyle RIP

Michael Kyne RIP

Christmas Blessings Christine & Gavin Lowing

CONFESSIONS

Fridays 7.15pm to 7.50pm and Saturdays 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Next Sunday (12th Jan) Readings

1st Reading – Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Psalm –28

2nd Reading – Acts 10: 34-38

Gospel – Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

6pm Big thanks & God's blessings for Les & Kim Boulton

9am God's Blessings on the Kisambira Family

11am The People of the Parish

Intentions

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Laval Ah-Choy, Ian Baker, Nancy Connelly, Damiano Buffo, Winnie Mead, Audrey Philpott, Teresa Ashley, Shirley Corderoy, Alfie Misteldine, George Clarke, Fred Blick, Ellen Keesse, Bernadette Halpin, William Goodall, Patricia Thorne, Gerard, Edward Penfold, Fred Michelmores, Jim Hanrahan, Sheila Beeching, Dorothy Tovey and Margaret Shanahan May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Sick and Housebound: We pray for all those who are sick and the housebound. We pray especially for all those in our parish and their families. **St Simon Stock, keep them in your care**

Mass Intentions: Please make cheques payable to St Simon Stock Church. See website for details of how to make a bank transfer.

100 Club (Parish Lottery) - Cash Prizes to be won monthly! Annual Subscription £12 per number. Dec Winners: £100 Sandra Rocco, £50 Ibe Vincent, £25 Maureen Searle.

Parish Gift Aid Scheme: If you wish your offertory and other donations to be gift-aided please contact Sandra Rocco on 07720 772089

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Parish Of St Simon Stock



Epiphany

Newsletter

5th January 2025



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Parish Notices:

1. There is no 2nd collection this weekend. There is still a box next to the crib for donations for the Catholic Children's Society. Next weekend 2nd collection is for Development Found.
2. The presents under the Christmas Tree in the church will be handed over to the Children's Society at our Epiphany Carol Service this afternoon at 3pm.
3. The next Baptism Course will be on Saturday 18th January 2025 at 10am to 1pm in the parish hall.

EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE

Don't forget our Epiphany Carol Service today Sunday 5th January at 3pm.

Some of our parishioners will be contributing to the service in song – singing carols in their own languages. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of Our Lord's gift of salvation to the world. There will be mulled wine & mince pies served in the Parish Hall after this service.

EPIPHANY BLESSINGS OF HOMES

According to ancient tradition on the Feast of the Epiphany Christians bless their home by marking the door and filling the house with the fragrance of blessed incense. I invite you to adopt this custom in your family. The traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above or on the main entrance of the house or room: **20 + C + M + B + 25**. The initials remind us of the traditional names of the Magi – Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar – and also stand for the Latin motto: *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless this house." "Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. May this Epiphany Blessing be a reminder that Christ is incarnate in the love and care we manifest to each other in our ordinary daily lives together.

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St Thomas More

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Parish News

MUSICIANS NEEDED

The choir is looking for a pianist to accompany them at their Thursday evening rehearsals 8-9pm. It does not have to be a weekly commitment we would be happy to have someone to play once or twice a month. We also need guitarists to help play at our Masses on 4th Sunday every other month. If you would like to help us out or know someone who can please let Josie know on 07915601076.

SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE ROSARY PRAYER PROJECT

Everyone is warmly invited to join this Archdiocese-wide prayer initiative, praying a decade of the Rosary each day for priests and parishes in their deanery. For details see the poster on the noticeboard, pick up an invitation leaflet at the back of church or email southwarkrenewal@gmail.com.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE (BABM) – JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

To celebrate Jubilee 2025 a one day Building a Better Marriage opportunity will be held in the following 9 Southwark deaneries during 2025. The day starts at 9.30am and finishes at 4.30pm and is free to attend. The day will be open to other deaneries in 2026 who have not experienced the event. To join one of these day's please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

25 January - St Stephen Church, Welling

1 February - Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs

15 March - Our Lady Queen of Peace, East Sheen

12 April – St Mary Church, Croydon West

28 June – St Raphael Church, Kingston Upon Thames

5 July - St Thomas More, Dulwich

13 September – Southwark Cathedral, London

4 October – Holy Cross, Catford

1 November – St James the Great, Petts Wood

GRIEF IN LOSS

Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ retreat for the bereaved - Aylesford Priory 21-23 March 2025 and 10-12 Oct 2025



When I need help...

In these difficult times when finances are stretched to the limit, it is our Christian duty to help others. If you need financial support, please call Fr Pawel on the parish mobile or speak to him confidentially in person.

Community Events

Sun 5 Jan	No 2 nd Collection. EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE AT 3PM
Mon 6 Jan	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 7 Jan	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm UCM Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Wed 8 Jan	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm
Thu 9 Jan	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.
Fri 10 Jan	No Children's Choir Practice
Sat 11 Jan	1ST HOLY COMMUNION RECONCILIATION SERVICE 11am Discovery Course in Parish Hall 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Sun 12 Jan	2 nd Collection for Development Found
Mon 13 Jan	Rosary on Zoom at 6pm
Tue 14 Jan	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm There will be no meeting for the Bereavement Support Group
Wed 15 Jan	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2pm to 10pm
Thu 16 Jan	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from 5.30pm onwards term time only Adult Choir Practice at 8pm in the church.
Fri 17 Jan	Children's choir practice at 4.30pm in the church Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm
Sat 18 Jan	Baptism Course 10am to 1pm in the Parish Hall Discovery Course in the Parish Hall from 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Prayer for Peace

Father in Heaven, have mercy on us and on the whole world! You sent Your Son, the Prince of Peace, for the salvation of the world. We pray that the Peace of Christ will reign in the whole world. Please protect and send aid to those who are at-risk. We pray for peace - we pray for all who are working towards it and for all who are in danger from these conflicts. We pray for an end to violence and war, we pray for wisdom for all leaders who have a hand in this. Lord God, please help those in most need of your mercy. Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us! Saint Joseph, Protector of Mary, Jesus and the Church, pray for us! Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, may your kingdom reign in all the world. Amen.